

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)



Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA April 14, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	MassRides	Gary St. Fleur
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	MassRides	Adam Blye
Brockton	Rob May	MassRides	Leah Beckett
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Massasoit Community College	Phil Shepard
Brockton	Robert Moran	McMahon Associates	Phil Viveiros
Brockton	Laurie Simpreus	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Easton	David Field	VHB	Ross Morrow
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	VHB	William DeSantis
Hanson	Joni DiLillo	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Kingston	Thomas Bott	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Whitman	Daniel Salvucci	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Bill McNulty
BAT	Joseph Mech	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Michael Blondin	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT District 5	Timothy Kochan	OCPC	Paul Chenard

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Sid Kashi called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

Charles Kilmer stated that MassDOT has released its Draft 2017-2021 Capital Investment Plan (CIP). A list of the 15 public meetings is in the back of the communications staff report.

Charles Kilmer announced that the Plymouth County Development Council Transportation Breakfast will be held on May 12 at the Plymouth Country Club. The guest speaker will be Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT.

3. Minutes of the March 10, 2016 Meeting

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Vice Chairperson Kashi asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler, Grants Manager for BAT, announced that she has been training with Kathy Riddell.

B. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

Jimmy Pereira stated that OCPC is working with GATRA on their TIGER Grant Application.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Jimmy Pereira stated that since the meeting with the Town of Bridgewater and the review of current walking conditions linking Bridgewater State University with Central Square, OCPC has formulated a series of recommendations on improving the walking linkages between the square and the university. This week OCPC will be submitting a draft report to the town for their review. After any edits and recommendations are received from the town, OCPC will work these edits into the report and return the report to the town for its final approval.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer reviewed the project updates within the FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). They are as follows:

FFY 2016 PROJECTS:

- AVON – INSTALLATION OF A MEDIAN BARRIER ON HARRISON BOULEVARD (608085)
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) have been received by MassDOT for final review (as of 03/03/2016)
 - Revised Cost Estimate is \$2,316,349

- BROCKTON – STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROUTE 28 (608134)
 - Design Public Hearing held 03/15/2016

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- PLYMOUTH – RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 3 (607175)
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) have been received by MassDOT for final review (as of 04/06/2016)
 - Revised Cost Estimate is \$15,446,795

7. New Business

A. MassDOT Complete Streets Program – Overview and Opportunities

- **Ross Morrow, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB)**
- **William DeSantis, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB)**

Ross Morrow and William DeSantis provided an overview of the MassDOT Complete Streets Program.

The new Complete Streets Funding Program, authorized by the 2014 Transportation Bond Bill, offers Massachusetts municipalities incentives to adopt policies and practices that provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes – walking, biking, transit and vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities.

To be eligible for up to \$50,000 in technical assistance and up to \$400,000 in construction funding, a municipality must meet three primary requirements:

- Attendance of a municipal employee at a Complete Streets training
- Passage of a Complete Streets Policy that scores 80 or above out of a possible 100 points (Tier 1)
- Development of a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan (Tier 2)

MassDOT offers technical assistance to conduct a needs assessment, network gap analysis, and/or safety audit to determine a targeted investment strategy for Complete Streets infrastructure. Upon completion of these requirements, a municipality is eligible for construction funds (Tier 3). Reimbursement for technical assistance and project funding will be managed by the appropriate Highway District Local Aid Office.

Available Funding: \$12.5M total for FY16 and FY17 (must be spent by June 30, 2017).

Discussion followed.

B. Development of the FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Charles Kilmer provided an overview on the development of the FFY 2017 UPWP. The FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule is as follows:

1. Outreach and Data Collection (December – February)
2. Evaluation of Projects (February – March)
3. Staff Recommendations and Draft TIP (March – April)
4. TIP Day Consultation with MassDOT (April)

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5. Public Review and Endorsement (April – June)

Charles Kilmer then discussed the results of the recently held TIP Day.

Easton – Route 138 @ Union Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements

- David Field asked the JTC to keep this project in 2017 instead of moving to 2018, which is MassDOT's recommendation. Tim Kochan stated that there has yet to be a public hearing for the project. The required right of way plans must be accepted no later than December 2016 for the project to stay in 2017. Charles Kilmer recommended keeping this project in 2017.

Plymouth – Reconstruction of Taylor Avenue, from White Horse Road to Manomet Point Road, Includes P-13-010

- Sid Kashi asked to keep this project in 2017 instead of moving to 2018, which is MassDOT's recommendation. Tim Kochan stated that a public hearing has yet to be taken place. Also, there is an extensive right of way needed (145 temporary easements). Charles Kilmer recommended keeping this project in 2017.

Whitman – Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27)

- The right of way has to be accepted by this December to make 2017 advertising feasible. The project may need to move to 2018 if the town and design consultant cannot keep the schedule.

Brockton – Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street

- 2019 was recommended from TIP Day
- 25% design plans not due until September 2016

Brockton – Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard

- Recommended for 2018 but may need to move back to 2019
- Two full right of way takings needed by the City

Plymouth – Improvements on Obery Street, from South Street to A.C. Caranci Way/Plymouth North H.S. Drive Intersection

- Recommended for 2018 but may need to move back to 2019. Sid Kashi asked to keep this project in 2018 instead of moving to 2019.

Avon – Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Programmed in 2019 but could be a 2017 .

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies:

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Bridgewater

- Traffic Study of intersection of Pleasant Street (Route 104) at Elm Street
Data collected and analysis underway
- Traffic Study of intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18/28) at Grove Street and Maple Avenue
Grove Street Data collected and analysis completed; Maple Avenue data to be collected

Easton

- Road Safety Audit for Turnpike Street at Purchase Street, and Washington Street (Route 138) at Turnpike Street
Data collected and analysis underway; Audit to be scheduled
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses for Lothrop Street at Sheridan Street and Columbus Avenue at Sheridan Street
Data collection scheduled for April/May 2016

Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District
Data collection scheduled for April/May 2016

Pembroke/Duxbury

- Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Analysis for Several Roadways
Data collection completed; Report in Development

Plymouth

- Road Safety Audit for Standish Avenue at Alden Street
Data collection to be scheduled
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses – Several Lunn’s Way Intersections
Data collection to be scheduled
- Traffic Counts for Montgomery Drive
Data collection to be scheduled
- Traffic Counts for Westerly Road
Data collection to be scheduled

Stoughton

- Road Safety Audit for Park Street (Route 27) at Sumner Street
Data collected; analysis underway; Road Safety Audit to be scheduled; awaiting crash data from town

Whitman / Abington

- Washington Street Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Study
Data collection to be scheduled

Whitman-Hanson Regional School District

- Traffic Circulation Study for Whitman-Hanson Regional High School
Data collected; analysis underway

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B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Shawn Bailey summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Notices of Project Changes (NPCs), and Certificates for projects within the OCPC region that are undergoing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office review.

New Projects Submitted as of April 14, 2016

ENF

EEA #15489 – Single Family Residence Reconstruction Project - Plymouth

Proposed activities at the site include the removal and disposal of the current single family home and the construction of a new single family home within the same general footprint with a small addition to include improvements such as placement of timber piles, compliance with FEMA flood zone standards and other incidental items. Also proposed is the removal of the existing coastal bank stone revetment with buried slope stone and coastal dune nourishment in the form of American Beach Grass.

NPC

EEA #13580 – Redbrook Development (formerly River Run)/Solar Project – Plymouth

The solar project will consist of arrays of ground mounted modules and associated structures, infrastructure, and access roads. The arrays will be surrounded by 7-foot high fencing. The proposed change would result in an increase in the acres of altered land with the entire project from 381 acres to 385 acres, but will not result in additional traffic, water or wastewater usage.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

- Bob Wood stated that the traffic signal project is progressing at the intersection of High Street and Broad Street in Bridgewater.
- Jimmy Pereira announced that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Survey is now online. The survey will help the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee develop a regional bicycle and pedestrian travel study, detailing the infrastructure needs and other key issues for bicycle and pedestrian travel. The study will be completed by September, 2016.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner